

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 103

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1. The following were present:

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Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Mr. Strickland	Air Force
	CYA (Chairman)

2. The Committee approved the proposed FY 1952 production schedule for Chapters II (Military Geography) and IX (Map and Chart Appraisal). A draft of the FY 1952 production schedule for Chapter VII (Scientific) was submitted to the Committee by the Chapter Coordinator. This draft will have to be reviewed by the contributing agencies before the Committee can take final action on it. D/B will shortly prepare a consolidated FY 1952 production schedule for the use of the NIS Committee and its members.

3. With reference to the revision of certain portions of Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) on the USSR, the Army member agreed to have undertaken a revision of the general conclusions of the Army contributions within a month. The revised Section 64 will be coordinated by State and resubmitted to D/B after the receipt of all revised drafts.

4. The Air Force member reported on the allocation of production responsibility for Section 23 (Weather and Climate). Discussions with the Secretary, Joint Meteorological Committee, indicated that it would be desirable to continue the present allocation. The JMC has no objection to a contributor's statement for Section 23 which indicates that the section was produced for the NIS under the general supervision of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

The Committee reaffirmed the allocation of production responsibility for Section 23, namely, "Joint Meteorological Committee", and approved the following contributor's statement:

"This section was prepared for the NIS under the general supervision of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, in coordination with the Joint Meteorological Committee. Material on amphibious operations was prepared by the Office of Naval Intelligence and material on clothing and temporary shelter by the Office of the Quartermaster General."

5. The Chairman pointed out the continuing unsatisfactory situation respecting current NIS production. As of 20 April there had been received

10 sections from the contributing agencies. Their April commitments are 70 sections. In addition, there is a backlog of 83 sections which has accumulated since the first of the year. The Chairman emphasized the necessity of augmenting NIS production at the earliest practicable date and requested Committee members to analyze their respective agency capabilities with the view to improving this situation as rapidly as possible.

6. The Chairman submitted a proposal prepared by D/B for certain changes in the Outline Guide for Section 80 (Introduction, Armed Forces). The Army member will have them reviewed by his Agency and report his findings at the next meeting.

7. The Chairman proposed that the base map for NIS 44 (British Indonesia), which includes British Malaya and British North Borneo, be developed as separate maps of Malaya and of North Borneo. He indicated that, in all probability, each of these areas will be given separate treatment throughout the NIS, and that the separate maps will permit a more suitable scale than would a single combined map. The Committee approved the proposal.

8. The Navy member proposed that NIS MEMOS be reserved for announcement of NIS Committee decisions on policy and requirements of the NIS Program. He cited NIS MEMO No. 16 (Photographs for the NIS) as a form of Editorial Instructions which, in his opinion, should be disseminated in a different form than the NIS MEMO.

The Chairman replied that during the development of the NIS Program it had been decided to use a single series of memoranda for all aspects of NIS coordination and guidance. He agreed that reconsideration of this matter was in order and stated he would have the problem examined by D/B with the possible view to: 1) the integration into the STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS of all pertinent editorial instructions now contained in NIS MEMOS; 2) the consolidation and reissue of existing NIS MEMOS concerned with NIS policies and requirements; and 3) the development of a new series to handle D/B editorial and procedural instructions.

9. The State member requested further clarification of the Outline Guide on Chapter I (Brief). The analysts in State have variously interpreted the existing instructions and he felt that a more precise statement of requirements should be developed.


Discussion by the Committee indicated that the present Chapter I requirements had been formulated as a result of considerable study by the Chapter I Committee and the NIS Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee that the present requirements should stand until the first NIS had been completed, at which time the Chapter I Committee could see more clearly the nature of the problem. In the meantime, contributing agencies were encouraged to prepare summaries for Chapter I sections upon completion of the related NIS Chapters. At the present time, however, the production emphasis must be accorded to Chapters II to XX and their Supplements.

The Chairman stated that the NIS on the USSR would be the first NIS to be completed. This would logically call for the preparation of a

Chapter I on the USSR which, while in many ways very difficult and complex, would develop a complete prototype for guidance of contributors on future Chapters I.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 1 May 1951.

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